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In re Application: Thomas et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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For: RADIO FREQUENCY DRYING FOR USE IN CORE AND TUBEWINDING OPERATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the claims as follows.